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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION (PAPER NO. 5) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully request a two-(2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2001. Accordingly, the time for response is extended up to and including December 17, 2001 (the next business day after December 16, 2001). A payment form to cover the extension fee is enclosed. If there is any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1129.

**REPLY**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated July 16, 2001 (Paper No. 5), Applicants request entry and consideration of the following remarks. These remarks evidence the fact that the application is in condition for allowance. In addition, please amend the application as follows.